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RE: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000, dated 13th November 2012, which read:

Can I request copies of any data held by the department in relation to the number and value of "constraint payments" made by the National Grid to onshore wind-farm generators in Scotland, broken down by region and/or wind-farm if possible, in the last five years.

I can confirm that DECC holds a very limited amount of data on constraint payments to wind farms, all drawn from publicly available sources. This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because the information is accessible to you as it is already in the public domain.

Elexon, an independent subsidiary of National Grid, publishes the data at:

- <http://www.bmreports.com/> for the most recent data (see particularly: <http://www.bmreports.com/bsp/DetailedSystemPricesHistoric.htm>); and
- <https://www.elexonportal.co.uk/news/latest> for more historic data.

As a first step, you may find it helpful to contact BSCServiceDesk@logica.com for advice on the best way to download any data from the BM Reports and Elexon Portal websites. Elexon's *beginner's guide to electricity trading arrangements* may also provide useful background information: http://www.elexon.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/electricity_trading_arrangements_beginners_guide_v2.0.pdf

Appeals Process

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: **Information Rights Unit** (foi@decc.gov.uk)

Security & Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street,
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF